

## GERMANY GRANTS DEMANDS MADE BY GOV'T OF U. S.

### MERCHANT SHIPS NOT TO BE SUNK WITHOUT WARNING OF ATTACK

Consideration Unofficial Text Convinces  
Cabinet that Requirements are Met;  
Teutons Ask that England Be  
Brought Into Line With  
International Law

By United Press.  
Washington, May 5.—A high official here said that apparently there was nothing in the German reply that would justify a break in relations between the two nations.  
It was evident that the members of the cabinet viewed the situation optimistically at the conclusion of a two hours meeting during which the unofficial text of the German note was considered.

By United Press.  
Washington, May 5.—President Wilson and his cabinet will begin their consideration of the German reply as soon as the last vital paragraph of the note arrives.

From a consideration of the piecemeal version before the cabinet the members are convinced, it is understood, that Germany has met the demands of the United States government and they are not excited over the conditions that Germany included with its concessions. It is believed that a tone of sarcasm was injected into the note for the influence it might exert on the German public but this tone was switched to almost abject compliance in the last paragraph.

The issue is considered closed unless Germany seizes upon America's failure to force changes in British methods as a basis for rescinding her order bringing her submarine operations into conformity with American principles.

Ambassador Bernstorff, believing that the reply is satisfactory, will take up charges of British violation of international law with the state department next week.

By United Press.  
Berlin, May 5.—Germany has yielded to practically every demand made by President Wilson's last note. Insisting upon a complete change in submarine methods, it is contended in the German reply which has been published here. Every possibility of a break with the United States is apparently averted.

The German government has decided to make further concessions, adapting her submarine methods to the interests of neutrals. This is the declaration of the German answer to the president's note demanding the abandonment of her present submarine methods. The note states, however, that Germany cannot dispense with the submarine as a weapon of warfare.

The text of the note which was delivered to Ambassador Gerard by Foreign Secretary von Jagow, says it is possible that the vessel torpedoed was the Sussex but reserves judgment in this matter pending the receipt of further information. It denies that the president's charge that the Sussex affair was only one incident in the deliberate and indiscriminate destruction of vessels of all nationalities and says that the American note failed to substantiate this assertion with concrete facts.

Continuing the note says Germany has imposed great restraints on her submarine commanders in consideration of the interests of neutrals though these restraints have aided her enemies. It says errors inevitably occur in carrying out the orders that have been issued and points out that the United States rejected proposals that were calculated to reduce the perils of neutral vessels to a minimum. It says Germany is still willing to come to an agreement along those lines.

It is declared by the note that submarine commanders have been instructed to pursue their warfare in accordance with the rules of visit and search except against the ships of enemies in the war zone.

Germany has no less regard than the American government for the sacred principles of humanity since both governments have co-operated in the development of international law in conformity with these principles. The note says Great Britain has ignored these principles, not Germany, thereby injuring non-combatants and neutrals.

In its reply to the United States note, the German government reiterates the principles of humanity involved in the controversy and regrets that President Wilson's sentiments (Continued on Page Two.)

### SWAN FOR CO. ATT'Y

A. K. Swan, whose formal announcement for the office of county attorney appears today, was born in Hendrietta, Clay county, Texas, in 1892, and in 1900 moved with his parents to Oklahoma, where he has since lived. He was graduated from the Ardmore high school and five years ago came to Chickasha, taking up work in a law office. Mr. Swan issued the following statement:

"I desire to announce to the people of Grady county my candidacy for the office of county attorney of Grady county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary on August 1st. This decision to make the race is made for several reasons. The first reason is that I want the office. The next is that I feel quite well qualified to handle the affairs of the office in the proper manner and to the best interest and entire satisfaction of the people of Grady county.

"I was admitted to the bar in December, 1914, have had five years actual experience in law work, a year and a half of which time I have been in the active practice as assistant county attorney of Grady county, which position I hold at this time. I feel that the two year's experience I shall have as assistant county attorney, coupled with my previous experience in law work, will amply fit me for the position which I seek.

"If elected it shall be my purpose to give the most constant and careful attention to the affairs of the office and to accomplish an impartial enforcement of the law, with justice to all, and without fear, favor, prejudice or partiality. I feel that I have 'made good' as assistant county attorney and am more than willing to stand on my record as such, and only want an opportunity to prove myself capable of handling the affairs of the office as they should be handled. I believe in strict law enforcement, and shall look carefully to all financial affairs of the county, and save to this county every dollar possible, as well as give strictest attention to all criminal matters.

"If elected my platform shall be: Honesty, Economy, Courtesy, Industry, Efficiency and Law Enforcement. My only promise is to do my absolute duty. My object shall be to accomplish intelligent law enforcement.

"If the people of Grady county see fit to elect me to this office, I shall give to them in return for that honor and confidence the very best there is in me.—A. K. Swan."

### GIRLS CHEER UP WOUNDED SOLDIERS



Pretty high school girls of El Paso, Tex., have formed a club to call on and entertain the sick and wounded soldiers at Fort Bliss. They take flowers, and books to the boys and generally cheer them up.

### CARRANZA ACCEPTS PROPOSAL

By United Press.  
Mexico City, May 5.—Gen. Carranza, the head of the defacto government, has accepted the agreement that was entered into by Gen. Obregon, Mexican minister of war, and Gen. Scott, chief of staff of the U. S. army, in the conference at El Paso.

Carranza also expressed his concurrence in the principle upon which the agreement is based. The agreement provides for co-operation between the United States and Mexican forces in putting down banditry.

By United Press.  
El Paso, Tex., May 5.—Gen. Scott expected to hold another conference with Obregon today for ratifying the agreement already entered into but Obregon, who is believed to be awaiting additional orders, said he was not ready to confer further.

### MAY HAVE CARNIVAL

The merchants of Chickasha may possibly get together and stage a carnival attraction to be held here during National Prosperity week, beginning June 12. An advance agent of the DeKrobo company is in Chickasha today taking the matter up with the representative business men.

Secretary Ereland, of the Chickasha Retailers' association, stated this morning that he had not seen President Reinheimer, of the association, but that he thought it possible Mr. Reinheimer would call a meeting of the members of the association for Tuesday evening of next week, at which time the matter would be brought up and thoroughly threshed out.

Secretary Ereland also said that advice received from Ardmore, and other Oklahoma cities which had held "style shows" this spring showed that the same had proven successful and had done a great deal toward advertising the cities wherein they were held. The observance of National Prosperity week, he thought, would do as much toward advertising Chickasha as might have been done through a "style week."

### RECESS IS TAKEN BY CO. BOARD

The county commissioners returned from the inspection trip, yesterday afternoon, made to the county road near Minco and have recessed to Monday, May 8.

Meeting in adjourned session on Monday the commissioners will render their decision on the road matter, which calls for the possible changing of the location of several culverts on one of the Minco township roads. Also they will pass upon the matter of the changing of the lines between school districts number 29 and 32. This matter is before the commissioners on appeal from the findings of County Superintendent Shepard.

On Monday the Lucile road matter will also be taken up for its last and lasting spasm. The Lucile road matter has become a regular monthly nightmare with the commissioners and every member of the board says that this time the Lucile road controversy will be settled for all time to come, unless, however, the district court should come to bat for a couple of innings.

Other matters may come before the board Monday, but so far as is known now the above enumerated will constitute the bulk of the business.

### CONDITION SERIOUS

"Shorty" Fletcher may have a chance to face the electric chair as a result of his gun practice, Wednesday night, upon the woman, Stella Day, an account of which appeared in yesterday's issue of the Express.

Dr. Leeds reported this morning that an X-ray examination had shown the bullet embedded in a network of blood vessels and said that it was considered unsafe to attempt its removal. The bullet passed through the woman's left lung.

County Attorney Venable stated that charges have not been filed against Fletcher, saying that the county was holding the matter in abeyance pending the result of the woman's injuries, which are considered extremely dangerous. In the meanwhile "Shorty" is being held in the county jail without bail.

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WEATHER FORECAST.  
For Oklahoma.  
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Tonight and Saturday, fair and warm.  
Local Temperature.  
During 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today:  
Maximum, 81; minimum, 53.  
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### EPIDEMIC OF PETTY THIEVERY

Light Fingers Lift Varied Assortment of Stuff; Fancy Runs Strongly to Feathered Tribe; Many Complaints Registered

### STEAL JEWELS AT STODDARD HOME

House is Entered While Family at Church; Auto Vanishes but is Recovered; Suit Case is Swiped from Car on Street

Judging from reports received by the police, petty thievery in Chickasha is assuming the proportions of an epidemic. A wide variety of tastes is manifested by the light-fingered fellows who are operating, running all the way from ice cream and spring chickens to autos and diamonds.

One would scarcely have thought there were so many chickens, the feathered kind, in Chickasha, as have been totaled in the complaints filed with the police during the last forty-eight hours by parties whose auto roosts have been invaded and whose chickens have been carried off to be butchered to make some one a holiday dinner.

According to telephonic complaints the chicken thieves have not been fastidious in the matter of selection of feathered fowls. The best of the flock has in no instance been taken, but the whole shooting match, in every case reported, has been lifted by the chicken thief.

One lady reported the loss of her flock of twenty hens; another came in on the phone with the report of twelve; still another stated that twenty-five chickens and thirty pigs had vanished in the dark of the moon while a negro living in the "Two" street neighborhood reported to the police that twenty fine birds had left his hen roost at the instigation of aid and abetted by some "triflin' no count nigger."

Chief Phillips stated this morning that should the chicken stealing continue he would be forced to put on a special officer to walk in the residence districts.

### Jewels Are Stolen.

Mrs. M. A. Stoddard, residing at 409 South Eighth street, has reported to the police the loss, through burglars, of a diamond ring, a cameo ring, a lady's watch and other jewelry. Her house was entered by burglars, it is stated while the family were absent at prayer meeting. Entrance to the house was gained through a rear window. After having secured the jewelry the burglar calmly unlocked a rear door and made his getaway.

### Car is Recovered.

Bob Weir reported to the police this morning that someone had stolen a demonstration car from in front of his residence. The police state that later reports said the car had been recovered and that it had probably been taken by "Joy-riders."

### Taken from Auto.

Last night a suit case belonging to Mrs. Newman, of Kansas, was stolen from an auto in which it had been left in front of the Unique cafe.

Mrs. Ola Newman had been visiting an uncle at Anadarko and had been driven from that city to Chickasha, by auto, to catch the three o'clock Rock Island train, north.

This morning a lady called police headquarters and reported seeing a suit case in a vacant lot near the Early hotel. Officers Baird and Haley went to the place indicated in the phone call and found the grip. The lock had been cut away and the case forced open. An inventory of the contents, compared with the list of articles filed with the police by Mrs. Newman, showed nothing had been taken from the grip except a pair of shoes. The grip was filled with fine clothing. The police this morning forwarded the suit case to the owner by express.

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"Search Every Nigger's House."  
He was one of those wholesome, good, old fashioned negroes with a complexion of charcoal color and a woolly head beginning to turn gray about the temples. He was very much in earnest when he approached Officer Marshall and reported to him that "some scallawag done stole a ham and a fiddlin' of meat from my house las' night."

Officer Marshall was all sympathy and promised to do his best in the matter of running the thief down and securing for him a first-class whipping at the hands of justice. The officer promised the complainant that should the guilty one be found he would be sent to the county road with a good, stiff sentence.

"But, Mr. Officer," said the complainant, "I wants my meat. I doan care nuthin' 'bout them county roads. Its my meat Ise after. You jest tote you sef down in nigger town an' sarch every house on Two street till you finds my meat, an' I'll shoo be obleeged to you. Mr. Officer, I'll shoo be obleeged."

### WILL HELP FARMERS IN HARVEST

Labor Commissioner Sends Letters to Wheat Growers to Learn Number of Men Needed; Seeks to Improve Past Methods

W. G. Ashton, state labor commissioner, while in Chickasha a day or so ago, in speaking of the annual demand for harvest hands in Oklahoma each year stated that he thought his department had done much toward solving the problems and rendering the situation more easily handled than has heretofore been possible.

Mr. Ashton said that every harvest season for the past several years, has witnessed the invasion of Oklahoma by a regiment of harvest hands of from 10,000 to 12,000 and even 15,000. These harvest hands, coming from other states, have been attracted to Oklahoma's giant harvest fields through the publicity given Oklahoma's mammoth wheat and oats crops through the press of the state. The harvest situation in Oklahoma each year demands a great deal of labor which cannot be supplied locally.

Heretofore it has been the custom to open the gates, and invite, through the columns of the newspapers of the state a rush of all the unemployed of other sections who may care to come to this state, never stopping to ascertain how many harvest hands may be needed, nor how many of those who may rush across the state line may be supplied with work after they have arrived here. The rule, in other words, has been to depend upon the general publicity given Oklahoma harvest fields by the newspapers to get harvest hands, in any sized numbers into Oklahoma and then trust to luck and the needs of the different communities in the matter of apportioning these laborers out amongst the farmers in the wheat belts of the state. This system, slipshod at the best, Mr. Ashton says, has been in the past the origin of great troubles.

Harvest hands have mobilized at different points in numbers far in excess of the demands. They have demanded work in sections where there was no work and have demanded that they be fed and cared for by the public in the localities which they invaded.

Mr. Ashton, in seeking to eliminate the troubles of the past, is making an effort to get in touch with the wheat-raising farmers of the state. There are, Mr. Ashton says, over six thousand wheat raisers in the wheat belts of Oklahoma. An effort has been made to get in touch with the majority of these, with the biggest wheat growers in every section of the state wherein wheat is grown. The wheat grower is asked how many harvest hands will be needed in his particular section; how many in a county or a community. After his answer may be

### AMERICANS SURPASSED BY SWISS

Compulsory Military Training Makes Average Man There Stronger Physically and Better Fitted for Serving as Soldier

### ALL SCHOOLS MUST HAVE GYMNASIUMS

Certain Daily Exercises for Development of Brawn Required by Government Regulations; Boys Join Community Rifle Clubs

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NOTE—This is the fourth of a series of articles by Shepherd dealing with the Swiss system of military training for citizens, in its relation to the possibilities of a similar system in the United States.—  
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(By William G. Shepherd, United Press Correspondent.)

Berna, May 4.—The average Swiss man is better physically and as a soldier than the average American male, thanks to the system of compulsory military training in Switzerland.

"Gets under the hide, a statement like this, but it's true. Every male Swiss can shoot straighter, run longer, march farther and endure more than the average male American. You have only to know what the Swiss is taught to do and what the average American isn't taught to do to realize that this is true.

Every Swiss school boy MUST go to a gymnasium. Every Swiss school must HAVE a gymnasium. It doesn't matter whether it's a church school or a business college or a fancy, high-priced school for little Swiss Lord Fauntlerroys; it MUST have a gymnasium.

In this gymnasium MUST be taught daily, certain exercises prescribed by the government. These are the highly scientific product of the deepest study in physical development.

The average American doesn't even know what these exercises are. Now and then, it is true, after he's fattening up at thirty, the American answers an advertisement and purchases some alleged scientific physical "cure" book and follows the instructions therein.

Any Swiss school boy of ten could teach him a world of valuable things in this line.

By the time a Swiss school boy is twenty he has developed his physique to its high point.

He has made his body as fine and strong as his particular body can be made.

This has been done scientifically and meanwhile, the call of his splendid muscles has driven him to football and other sports.

That crowded Polo grounds in New York makes you sick, when you look over these Swiss. You couldn't get 10,000 healthy Swiss to sit around of an afternoon watching OTHER men play a game. Each man wants to play himself. Hundreds of little sport centers are always busy.

That cheering grandstand at the Polo grounds, filled with men that couldn't run to first base without puffing, is a disgusting thought, here in the war country.

Anything in the world is better than that. Any pacifist must admit that even learning how to shoot, out in the country—learning how to shoot with the intention of killing an enemy some day if you have to—is better than the average American's silly MENTAL participation in baseball. Or if you're too much of a baseball fan, make it Kelly pool.

The average Swiss boy can outshoot the average American boy.

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